

# **Virginia Department of Environmental Quality**

## **Electronic Waste (eWaste) Management Activities**

**DEQ eWaste  
Working Paper 04-01**

### **DEQ Proposal for an eWaste Advisory Committee**

In an effort to assist Virginia state agencies, localities and citizens in the proper handling of electronic wastes (eWaste) such as computers and related peripherals, audio units, cell phones, and televisions, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will solicit interested parties to serve on an advisory committee on eWaste. The purpose of the committee is to identify the existing infrastructure available for the collection and recycling of these materials, to ascertain the strengths and weaknesses of the infrastructure, to review and comment on the regulatory framework which affects such recycling, and to offer recommendations to DEQ on how to maximize the recycling of this material in the future.

Membership on this advisory committee should reflect the regulatory community, the collection and processing community, local government programs, the electronics manufacturing and retail community, and other resources available to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. To this end, the following membership areas are recommended:

<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Possible Contacts</u></b>
Manufacturer representatives	Jason Linnell, EIA
Retailers	none committed at this time
Electronics Collector	John Schlegel, AERC
	Terri Cowans, Safety Kleen
Electronics Processor	Sarah Wilson, Subtractions
	E-Structors, Mike Keough
Electronics Reuse	Chris Parkhurst, Comp Recycling of VA, Newell Welch, Teltronics Inc.)
Non-Profits	none committed at this time
Scrap Dealers	Stuart Cohn, SimsMetal USA
	Richard Lerner, Cycle Systems
EPA	Mike Giuranna
	Katherine Kaplan
Program Managers	Gloria Puffinburger, Frederick County
	Alton Weaver, Alexandria
	Gail Harris, Prince William County
	Susan Lhotka, Manassas
	Tim Myers, MRSWA

	Scott MacDonald, Arlington County
	John Mitchell, CVWMA
	Annette Mills, Falls Church
	Denise Jeffries, Newport News
	Debbie Devine, SPSA
	Bruce Edmonds, Rivanna PSA
	Jason Tinsley, Wise County
DEQ	John Ely
	Steve Frazier
	Steve Coe
	Allan Lassiter
State Agencies	Georgiana Ball, DGS/SP
Associations/Trade Groups	none committed at this time
Environmental Associations	Elton James, Rappahannock River Basin Commission
Ex-Officio status	Recycling Markets Development Council

The first step will be to contact parties indicated above and others as recommended or identified as possible members of the committee. Once a core group has committed to the process, a meeting should be scheduled in early 2004 to outline the issues, discuss the status of eWaste recycling in the Mid-Atlantic area, and to make recommendations for the committee for addressing the needs for eWaste management.

Once the committee has had its initial meeting, it is recommended that most committee work be done electronically through a list-serve or other networking system. DEQ would continue to facilitate the contact, serve as the depository of data and information, and spearhead efforts to implement the recommendations of the committee. DEQ would make any available guidance documents accessible to localities, businesses, citizens and other interested parties electronically through its email network and web site.

Possible Topics for the Advisory Committee:

1. Collection network in Virginia or Mid-Atlantic area; collection program options
2. Processing network in Virginia or Mid-Atlantic area
3. Processing options: refurbishment; deconstruction; material destruction; recycling
4. Electronics recycling programs in other states
5. Regulatory restrictions on the recycling of eWaste (federal and state levels)
6. Program financing options
7. Educational issues
8. Role of Virginia government